

CAPSULE SUMMARY
BA-0137
Summerfield
3 Running Fox Road
Glen Arm, Baltimore County
1850 ca.
Private

Existing documentation on the property known as Summerfield indicates that the building may date to 1765. Exterior architectural evidence, however, places the construction date closer to 1850. It is indeed possible that a portion of the building might date to the 18th century; however this possibility could not be determined at the time of the exterior survey and might be confirmed by an intensive level survey and further historic and deed research. Nevertheless, erected by circa 1850, Summerfield was accompanied by approximately 1,000 acres and comprised a portion of the Ridgely estate. In the mid-19th century, James Carroll married a Ridgely and resided in Summerfield. In 1870, the property was conveyed to William Gilmor, who sold 500 acres of the land for the establishment of the Lock Raven Reservoir. Through the 1880s, Gilmor was president of the Maryland Central Railway Company, and his family retained ownership of the property through the early 20th century. This association between the Gilmor family and the railroad was most likely the factor in the establishment of the Summerfield Station along the Central Maryland Railway near the southern terminus of Manor Road at Glen Arm Road. The 1915 county atlas confirms that Mrs. M.H. Gilmor resided in Summerfield, which by that point encompassed 250 acres. Although the land surrounding Summerfield has been further developed over the course of the 20th century, the area retains its overall rural character.

The Italianate style exterior of Summerfield has been greatly altered since it was constructed. The structural system and foundation have been parged with stucco. Two central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise from the main block, the perimeter of which is spanned by a dentil frieze and molded cornice. The four-bay-wide circa 1850 main block fronts south and features three projecting bays and a recessed east bay. The six-panel single-leaf door has a three-light transom and molded wood surround. The south elevation of the recessed bay features two paired 4/6 windows on the first story and two paired 4/4 windows on the second story. The two stories are separated by the flat roof of the one-bay-square porch with a flat roof supported by decorative metal posts. The projecting three bays are pierced by three 6/6 jib on the first story and three 6/6 windows on the second story. The two-and-a-half-story, four-bay-deep ell features one central interior brick chimney and one interior end brick chimney, both of which have corbeled caps. The two-story addition to the ell, which has a half-hipped roof and one central interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap, dates to circa 1940. A circa 1940 stable, circa 1970 in-ground swimming pool, and circa 1980 gazebo and tennis court are also located on the property.

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1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic Summerfield

other

2. Location

street and number 3 Running Fox Road not for publication

city, town Glen Arm - vicinity

county Baltimore County

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name George D. and Rosanna L. Pillari

street and number	3 Running Fox Road	telephone	Not Available
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city, town	Glen Arm	state	MD	zip code	21057
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse liber 10171 folio 145

city, town	Towson	tax map 62	tax parcel 151	tax ID number	1103003310
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>2</u>	___ buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	___	___ sites
___site		<u>X</u> domestic	___social	___	<u>3</u> structures
___object		___education	___transportation	___	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u> Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	

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7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Italianate style exterior of Summerfield has been greatly altered since it was constructed circa 1850. Although prior documentation suggests that Summerfield dates to 1765, the building has changed so greatly over the last 150 years that exterior architectural analysis alone could not confirm a construction date as early as 1765. The structural system and foundation have been parged with stucco. Two central interior brick chimneys with corbeled caps rise from the main block, the perimeter of which is spanned by a dentil frieze and molded cornice. The four-bay-wide circa 1850 main block fronts south and features three projecting bays and a recessed east bay. Entry into the building is on the east elevation of the projecting three bays. The six-panel single-leaf door has a three-light transom and molded wood surround. The south elevation of the recessed bay features two paired full-height 4/6 windows on the first story and two paired 4/4 windows on the second story. The two stories are separated by the flat roof of the one-bay-square porch with a flat roof supported by decorative metal posts. The projecting three bays are pierced by three 6/6 jib windows with paneled spandrel doors on the first story and three 6/6 windows on the second story. All façade windows feature molded wood surrounds, parged sills, and operable louvered wood shutters. Projecting from the north elevation is a two-and-a-half-story, four-bay-deep ell that may pre-date the main block.¹ The ell features one central interior brick chimney and one interior end brick chimney, both of which have corbeled caps. The two-story addition to the ell, which has a half-hipped roof and one central interior brick chimney with a corbeled cap, dates to circa 1940, as does the two-story garage addition.

The building that presently serves as the pool house, appears to have been constructed circa 1940 and originally served as a stable. The one-story wood frame building is clad in board-and-batten siding and features an asphalt-shingled side gable roof above a four-bay-wide inset porch supported by square wood posts. A square ventilated cupola rises from the center of the roof ridge. The façade is pierced by eight one-light casement windows and two divided single-leaf wood doors with cross-bracing. A circa 1980 ell addition to the rear of the building is also clad in board-and-batten siding.

The in-ground swimming pool dates to circa 1970 and features a rectangular footprint with a brick deck.

The circa 1980 gazebo is octagonal with a one-story wood frame structural system and wood-shingled roof.

The tennis court also dates to circa 1980.

¹ This possibility could not be fully determined at the time of the exterior survey. An intensive-level survey, deed research, and further historic research would help establish the construction date of the ell.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> invention	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion	
<input type="checkbox"/> 2000-	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> ethnic heritage	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science	
	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history	
	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning		<input type="checkbox"/> maritime history	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation	
	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Specific dates 1850 ca.-present **Architect/Builder** Unknown

Construction dates 1850 ca., 1940 ca.

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register ☐ Maryland Register ☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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² Baltimore County Historic Inventory; see also Neal A. Brooks and Eric G. Rockel, *A History of Baltimore County* (Towson, MD: Friends of the Towson Library, Inc., 1979), p. 496 n.11.

³ Brooks and Rockel, p. 166.

⁴ *Map of Baltimore County* (Philadelphia, PA: G.W. Bromley, 1915).

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property One Acre

Acreage of historical setting 1,000 Acres

Quadrangle name Towson

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

Since its construction circa 1850, Summerfield has been associated with the 9.09 acres of land known as tax parcel 151 of map 62 located in the Baltimore County Tax Assessor's office.

11. Form Prepared by

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city or town	Washington	state	DC

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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100 Community Place
Crownsville, MD 21032-2023
410-514-7600



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12501 MANOR ROAD
GLEN ARM
27'30" BALTIMORE COUNTY

BA-0523
3930 MORGAN MILL ROAD

BA-1934
11762 GLEN ARM ROAD

BA-1936
11535 GLEN ARM ROAD

BA-0286
11420 MANOR ROAD

BA-0137
3 RUNNING FOX ROAD
GLEN ARM
BALTIMORE COUNTY

USGS Quad: TOWSON
Scale: 1:24,000



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GLEN ARM

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POOL HOUSE

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SUMMERFIELD - 1765 - Manor Road near Old Carriage Road. Part of the Ridgely estate, Summerfield once contained about a thousand acres. House is stone, covered with rough-cast; also a two-story tenant or slave house. James Carroll lived here after marrying a Ridgely. Property was purchased by William Gilmor in 1870, who sold 500 acres along the Gunpowder Falls to Baltimore City for its reservoir development. Gilmor coined the name "Loch Raven".

Maryland
Baltimore County
District XI
on Manor Rd. near Old Carriage Road

BA-137
Summerfield

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1765

Part of the Ridgely Estate; contained about 1,000 acres. Stone, cement covered house; two-story tenant house or slave quarters. Home of James Carroll, Jr., after he married a Ridgely. In 1870 purchased by William Gilmore, who sold 500 acres along the Gunpowder River to Baltimore City; now known as Loch Raven.

(baseball player owner?)

(First HABS Report)
E. Frances Offutt
HABS COMMITTEE OF BALTIMORE
COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

July 29, 1965